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" (b) The number of cases in which death was due to alcohol and the number of cases in which death was due to other causes where alcohol was detected were 13 and 8, respectively, in 1952 and 21 and 7, respectively in 1952 (up to 20th November 1953). It is not possible to say in what form alcohol had been imbibed."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI:—" Out of the number of deaths due to the drinking of illicit arrack, may I know how many were due to heart failure?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" I have no information."

Appointment of Deputy Collectors as Land Acquisition Officers.

* 354 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Special Deputy Collectors with the special duties allotted to them particularly the number of such Deputy Collectors deputed for land acquisition work in the district of Malabar;

(b) the number of (1) Tahsildars and (2) Deputy Tahsildars deputed for the land acquisition work in the district of Malabar; and

(c) whether the functions of those Deputy Collectors and Tahsildars are identical?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) 11 and 4, respectively.

" (b) (1) 4 Special Tahsildars and (2) 8 Special Deputy Tahsildars.

" (c) The functions of the Special Deputy Collectors and Special Tahsildars appointed as Land Acquisition Officers under the Land Acquisition Act are identical."

Reorganization of district boards.

* 355 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Report of the Advisory Committee for reorganization of district boards;

(b) if so, what are the results of the consideration; and if not, when it is likely to be concluded; and

(c) whether a copy of the Report of the Advisory Committee for reorganization of the district boards will be placed on the table of the House as mentioned in the Hon. Local Administration Minister's reply to starred question No. 95 at page 649 of the Official Report of the Madras Legislative Assembly Debates, dated 20th March 1953?

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THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The report is under consideration. The question of placing the report on the table of the House will be duly considered after the Government have taken their decisions."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" For how long have the Government been considering this report? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Because of the Andhra separation and other urgent matters, this was not taken into consideration. It will be considered very early."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What is the length of time taken to consider this report? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" It will be taken into consideration immediately. I do not know when the consideration will be over."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" The Hon. Minister has not answered my question. My question was what was the length of time taken to consider this subject."

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The report was submitted to the Government in January 1952. I think that the Government can take it into consideration next month."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" May I know what is the difficulty in placing the report before the House? Do the Government feel that consideration by them will be affected if the report is placed before the House? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Without considering the report, how can it be placed on the table of the House? After the Government finish their consideration of the report, it will be placed on the table of the House."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government finish consideration of the report as early as possible and distribute copies to Members? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" I have already answered this point."

Remission of land revenue in Malabar.

* 356 *Q*.—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the public of the recent flood-affected area in Malabar stating that they are unable to pay the rent and land revenue due to the destruction of crops; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken so far?